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ON CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS

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1. SUMMARY. MISSION URGES CONTACTS IN KEY IEA CAPITALS TO EXPLAIN US CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS BEFORE NEXT WEEK'S IEA MEETINGS HERE. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S FEB. 3 PROPOSALS FOR CONSORTIA ON SYNTHETIC FUELS AND ENERGY R AND D AND INTERVENTIONS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS AT IEA GOVERNING BOARD LAST WEEK (REFTELS) HAVE STIMULATED CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENTIAL

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INTEREST AMONG IEA DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, RECENT CONVER-

SATIONS HERE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THERE IS STILL CONSIDER-
ABLE UNCERTAINTY AND MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CERTAIN
ELEMENTS OF PROPOSALS.

3. WE ASSUME WASHINGTON WILL UNDERTAKE HIGH-LEVEL CON-
TACTS ON GENERAL MEASURES FOR ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES WITH AT LEAST KEY IEA GOVERN-
MENTS. WE THINK SUCH CONTACTS AND EXPLANATIONS ARE
ESSENTIAL AND URGENT, BUT WE FEEL IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT
THAT DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE AT OFFICIAL LEVEL WITH KEY
GOVERNMENTS ON CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS.

4. LANTZKE TOLD US DURING GB THAT HE FEELS BILATERAL
APPROACHES ON CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS ARE IMPORTANT, AND
WE UNDERSTAND DAVIGNON AGREES. WE BELIEVE MOST USEFUL
TIMING FOR SUCH APPROACHES WILL BE PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING
AT WHICH PROPOSALS WILL BE DISCUSSED: SLT, FEB. 19-21;
AD HOC R AND D GROUP, FEB. 20; AND GB, MARCH 6-7.

5. KEY GOVERNMENTS INDICATED BY LANTZKE ARE FRG, UK AND
JAPAN. IN ADDITION US MIGHT DISCUSS CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS
IN DEPTH WITH DANES, WHO PUT FORWARD MOST SIGNIFICANT
ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL, AND TURKS, WHO ALSO PROPOSED MECH-
ANISM FOR STIMULATING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES. CANADIANS,
DUTCH AND SWISS HAVE ALSO SHOWN PARTICULAR INTEREST.

6. WE SUGGEST SCHMIDT-KUESTER ALSO BE APPROACHED
DIRECTLY SINCE, AS CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC R AND D GROUP, HE
HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGEMENTS TO PUSH AHEAD IEA
R AND D PROGRAM. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE SCHMIDT-
KUESTER SHOULD BE TOLD (A) THAT US AGREES FULL-TIME STAFF
SHOULD BE ASSEMBLED URGENTLY WITHIN IEA SECRETARIAT TO
SUPPORT NINE PROJECT STUDIES NOW UNDER WAY, (B) THAT US
R AND D CONSORTIUM PROPOSAL DOES NOT REPLACE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF SUCH A STAFF, AND (C) THAT US WOULD SUPPORT
REQUEST FOR SEVERAL ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN IEA SECRET-
ARIAT TO SUPPORT AD HOC R AND D GROUP NOW AND CONSORTIUM
OR OTHER PERMANENT MECHANISM DECIDED UPON LATER. SOME
SUCH STATEMENT IS PARTICULARLY NEEDED SINCE SECRETARIAT'S
PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY BASED
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ON NEA, WHICH SCHMIDT-KUESTER SUPPORTED, HAS BEEN PUT ON
ICE AS RESULT OF ENDERS DISCUSSIONS HERE FEB. 6.

7. IN SUPPORT OF DIRECT BILATERALS, WE ARE IN PROCESS
OF CONTACTING KEY DELEGATIONS HERE (BOTH ENERGY AND
SCIENCE ADVISERS) TO EXPLAIN CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS TO
THEM, BASED ON REFTEL STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION LEFT
WITH US BY US DEL TO GB.

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